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ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

September, 1957 marks the 20th Anniversary of Holy Cross Seminary, which is the only Greek Orthodox Theological Seminary in the United States.

In token of this, a 20th Anniversary Commemoration has been scheduled to be observed nationally by the Greek Communities. In New York City, all 48 local Greek Orthodox Communities are participating in a Benefit Concert of 'byzantine and folk music' to be held March 2nd in Hunter College Auditorium.

Archbishop Michael, as honorary chairman of the Concert, explained the necessity for funds for the expansion program of the Seminary = mainly for the building of a chapel, library, dormitory and publishing house, as well as increasing the scope of present missionary activities.

Holy Cross Seminary, located in Brookline, Mass., was established by necessity, to provide a school for training young men in the priesthood for service to Greek Communities thruout the Americas.

Prior to the establishment of Holy Cross, priests had been provided by the Patriarchal Seminary at Halki, Constantinople, and by the Theological School of the University of Athens.

A brief existence of another American-Greek Seminary in Astoria, L.I.,N.Y., that of Saint Athanasius, had been recorded in the period of 1921-24; unfortunately, this Seminary had to cope with difficulties beyond its means,and therefore had been compelled to close its doors.

At first, Holy Cross was located in Pomfret Center, Conn., where it carried on from 1927 to 1947, when it moved to its present location in Brookline.

Functioning as a religious school, the proper academic recognition for Holy Cross was finally achieved in November,1954 when the Board of Collegiate Authority for Mass. gave permission for Holy Cross to award the B.A. degree in Theology. In June of 1956, the same Board accorded the right for Holy Cross to award the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology degrees to qualified candidates. These steps have now placed Holy Cross in a place of academic stature, equal to that

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enjoyed by schools of other denominations thruout the U.S.

Quoting from the School's 'Bulletin #4': 'From the very beginning, the School in Brookline had the distinction of being able to include in its program of studies an intensive curriculum of Greek language and literature of both ancient and Christian times. By raising its scholastic standards and by proving its capabilities to utilize the concentration on Greek studies, the School made a considerable advancement.

Since the purpose of the School is to train young men for the priesthood, it is only natural that due emphasis should be placed upon the spiritual life of the student. The daily program is planned so as to offer opportunity for prayer, meditation and worship, thus helping the students to deepen their spiritual life and approach as closely as possible the ideal of the model priest.'

Finances, as always the 'bugaboo' of any school, present the greatest problem. $1200 is the approximate cost of tuition, board and room necessary to sustain a student for a school year. In addition, thousands of dollars are essential to provide constantly better facilities as well as expansion of the program.

The March 2nd, 1957 Concert is for the main purpose of raising some of these essential funds. The program, presented by the Archdiocese in cooperation with the Holy Trinity Cathedral Association, will include solos by Dr.Christos Vrionides, Director of the Babylon, N.Y.Symphony Orchestra. A popular stage,screen,TV and radio personality: Alexander Scourby - will appear as the narrator. An exhibit of art, both Byzantine and contemporary, will be held in conjunction with the Concert.

All seats are reserved. The ticket prices range from $1.80 to $3.80. Information can be had by contacting the Greek Archdiocese,10E. 79th NY. (TR 9-2060).

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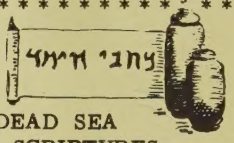

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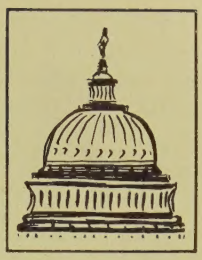
CHURCH AND STATE



LEGISLATOR CALLS FOR 'OK' ON POLYGAMY in a bill introduced in the Tennessee State Legislature. State Senator Harlan Dodson's bill wants a repeal of state laws prohibiting polygamy and thus alleviate the 'surplus of women'. The bill continued in the vein that every woman has the 'inherent right of the joys and comforts of matrimony'.

- 'Watch out for 'Leap Year'. - ED.

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CONGRESS GETS SECOND 'GOOD FRIDAY' BILL. A second bill to make Good Friday a national legal holiday, was introduced in Congress by Rep. Kathryn Cranahan(D.-Pa.). Her late husband (Rep. William T.Cranahan) sponsored a similar measure in the 84th Congress.

- Rep. Clement J. Zablocki(D.-Wis.) earlier this session introduced an identical bill. Both measures have been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. (Such acts to 'legalize' religious observances has a pagan ring, reminiscent of ancient Rome and acts of the Caesars) ED.

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F.C.C. vs 'MARTIN LUTHER' vs W.G.N. RADIO STATION. 32 Protestant organizations have filed a notice of intention with the F.C.C.(Federal Communications Commission) that they will seek 'appropriate relief' from a ban imposed by TV-WGN of Chicago on the showing of the film 'Martin Luther'. In taking this action, the 'Action Committee' also requested the F.C.C. to hold a public hearing on the Radio Station's pending application for a permanent full-power construction permit, in which WGN-TV would possibly be granted a maximum power of 317 kilowatts.

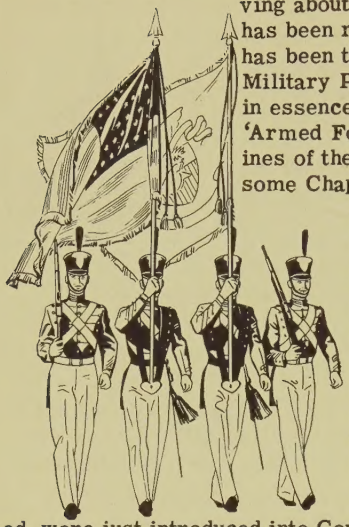
In earlier FCC applications, WGN-TV had stated: 'Station WGN-TV believes that its listening and viewing public is entitled to hear all sides of each important public issue which confronts that public'.

The National Religious Broadcasters, at their annual convention, were told this case of WGN will become an important test case of religious liberty on the airwaves. In pursuance of this point, the Convention proceeded to make a formal request of the FCC that in the future all application forms for radio and TV station licenses be required to contain more specific information as to religious programming. They suggested four specific questions be asked:

1. What religious programs are carried?
2. At what hours are such programs broadcast?
3. Is the program carried on sustaining time(i.e.,- donated by the station,rather than paid for by a religious agency or an advertiser) ?
4. Does the broadcast permit the solicitation of funds on the program?

It had previously been charged by Protestant clergymen in Chicago that the cancellation of the showing of the film had been due to pressure from the Roman Catholic Church.(Dec.issue of AREO). In line with this, an editorial from the Roman Catholic weekly magazine 'Commonweal' states that those who blocked the film 'have damaged the fabric of our society,because they have placed in jeopardy the still undefined freedom of the TV screen....No matter how good their intentions...these Catholics have damaged the church because they have caused others to regard it as a monolithic organization, willing, even eager, to impose its will by mass pressure.'

- With all these facts in mind, it is apparent that WGN-TV yielded to specific Roman Catholic pressure, conceded by 'Commonweal' as having been done. Why that any religious organization should so interfere with public information media is a moot question; especially, when the interfering group already claims 'infallibiltty', which should guarantee their ultimate success, unless it be a fallacious belief. - ED.



CHAPLAINS vs ARMED FORCES. Considerable controversy, revolving about clergy seving in the various branches of the Armed Forces, has been rife in recent months. One of the most significant charges has been that of Rev.E.O. Midboe, secretary of Bureau of Service to Military Personnel of the National Lutheran Council. His charge was, in essence, that U.S.Military Chaplains are in danger of developing an 'Armed Forces religion', which bears little resemblance to the doctrines of the Churches from which the Chaplains come. He stated that some Chaplains are asked such questions, as:

Why don't you preach Navy religion?
Where did you find this as part of the Army religion?
Has the Air Force taught you to preach this type of doctrine?

Rev.Midboe continued: 'There is a growing assumption that there is a type of religion which is peculiar to the services and which has a limited ....connection with the doctrine of the civilian denomination, of which the chaplain is a representative.....', he added: Chaplains who deviate from this 'fairly well-defined worship service format', run the risk of 'administrative consequences' and general censure.

As if to accentuate this point, two bills, diametrically opposed, were just introduced into Congress regarding the civilian status of the present chaplaincy at West Point, United States Military Academy.

Traditionally, from the time of George Washington, the chaplain at West Point has always been filled by Presidential appointment. The chaplain, while receiving government salary and quarters, has always been a CIVILIAN. Due to tradition, stemming from the Church of England and the Colonies which had their ties with England, the Chaplain has traditionally been a Protestant Episcopal clergyman. The Episcopal 'Order of Worship' has always been followed at the cadet chapel, rather than the general Protestant service, common to other military chapels.

The two legislative bills, mentioned above, call for:

1. Continuance of the present civilian chaplaincy, according to traditional fashion. This was asked for by Secretary of the Army Brucker, and the bill was introduced by Rep. P.J.Kilday(D.-Tex.).
2. Abolishment of the civilian chaplaincy at West Point, with powers of appointment of a Military Chaplain to be left up to the Chief of Chaplains. This bill was sponsored by Rep. E.R.Adair(R.-Ind.).

● While 'equal representation' for all denominations would be met under Mr.Adair's bill, it would be far better if a bill were introduced to abandon all Military Chaplaincies, and introduce a bill allowing appointment of CIVILIAN Chaplains to serve all Armed Forces, much in the same manner as employed by some European Armies. In this fashion, Rev.Midboe's objections to present abuse would be dealt with, and so would 'equal representation' be guaranteed; salaries and quarters would still be provided by governmental means; and lastly, clergymen could function as clergymen, rather than members of the Military. ED.

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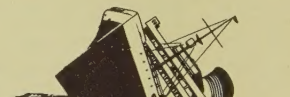

'DORCHESTER DAY' ADOPTED FOR FEBRUARY 3rd. In the memory of four chaplains, who gave their lives on Feb.3rd,1943, when the U.S.Army transport 'Dorchester' was torpedoed, the Senate and House unanimously adopted a concurrent resolution to set aside this day. While it is only for this year, other measures have been sponsored to make the day an annual observance honoring the memory of the four World War II chaplains.

● The four men had voluntarily given their life-belts away when the ship sank; naturally, they went down when the ship sank. ED.

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COLORADO LEGISLATURE HAS NEGRO CHAPLAIN. For the first time in Colorado's history, its legislature has a negro chaplain. He is the Rev. M.C.Williams, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Denver. He is now serving as chaplain of the House.

Mr. Williams also is the first Negro president of the Denver Ministerial Association. As the House Chaplain, it is his duty to open each day's session with prayer. He stated: 'Thru the invocations I try to encourage a religious approach to State affairs'.

In 1953, the clergyman and his wife were members of a U.S.State Department-sponsored good-will tour of five European capitals.

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UKRAINIAN BISHOPS SERVE AS GUEST CHAPLAINS IN CONGRESS. Orthodox and Catholic Ukrainian-American Bishops John Theodorovich(Orthodox) and Ambrose Senyshyn (Catholic) shared the Chaplaincy of the combined Congress by delivering prayers there on the 39th anniversary of the Ukrainian National Republic.

Bishop Theodorovich(Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA), in offering prayers in the House of Congress, referred to 'millions of martyrs' in the Ukraine and asked that God might 'grant our American leaders the loving heart, the noble spirit, the chastity of purpose to be the hope of all oppressed nations and races'.

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PAUL BLANSHARD CRITICIZES ROMAN CATHOLIC CARDINAL McINTYRE. In a blistering attack, Author and Speaker - Paul Blanshard delivered an accusation,directed at the Cardinal of Los Angeles, before the 9th Annual Conference of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. He charged the Cardinal with attempting to 'evade the spirit of the constitution'. He said the prelate had done this by suggesting that Federal Aid to education be put on the same basis as the G.I. Bill of Rights, which extends educational help to the individual, permitting him to choose his own school.

Mr. Blanshard declared that the Cardinal's proposal was a 'clever device for dumping the costs of Roman Catholic parochial schools upon the general taxpayer'. (Note: Cardinal McIntyre made the disputed proposal last December in Dallas,Tex., where he attended ceremonies honoring Bishop T.K.Gorman on his 25th anniversary of his consecration).

- Actually, any aid for education, except thru the constituted system of the Public School system, is definitely foreign to the Spirit of America, both in tradition, as well as in Law. True Americans, everywhere, should always be willing to support this premise. ED.

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JEWISH RABBI AND METHODIST MINISTER SUPPORT CATHOLIC PRIEST'S APPEAL. Rev. Bruno Dirigon, Roman Catholic priest, lost his U.S. citizenship, because, while studying in Italy, he had participated in the 1950-51 Italian elections. The priest stated that he had voted under 'moral coercion and duress', brought by his superiors who told him his vote was needed to help stem the advance of 'godless Communism'.

The Rabbi and minister(Kapustin and Safran, by name) testified in Detroit hearing that it was their opinion that a minister has a moral obligation to try and make the world safe against 'such threats as Communism'. The two clergy testified on behalf of the priest.

- While the proper authority must govern their decision according to law, it is also of great interest to note that the priest voted in Italy under 'moral coercion and duress'. It is hoped that any voting he might later do in the U.S.A. will not be on the same sort of basis, else it would not truly be American.ED.

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HAROLD STASSEN APPEALS FOR 100,000 'QUALIFIED' SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS. Mr. Stassen, special assistant to President Eisenhower, asked for volunteers to fill a need for Sunday School Teachers. Speaking at the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches Division of Christian Education, Mr.Stassen, by implication, took issue with Dr.Wesley Shrader Yale Divinity School professor, who recently described the average Protestant Sunday School as 'the most wasted hour in the week'. Mr. Stassen referred to it as 'the child's best hour'.

MEDICAL SOCIETY CONDEMN EUTHANASIA RESOLUTION. The New Jersey Medical Society declared that 166 physicians who reportedly signed a resolution urging the legislature to legalize euthanasia(mercy killing) acted as 'individuals' in opposition to the accepted position of organized medicine in the State.

The resolution had been prepared by the Euthanasia Society of America and had stated therein that voluntary euthanasia should be permitted by law and safeguarded against 'abuse' rather than 'as at present practiced illegally, surreptitiously and without supervision or regulation'.

Five doctors on the staff of Roman Catholic administered St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick allegedly signed the petition.

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS BACK VIVISECTION BILL IN MASSACHUSETT LEGISLATURE. Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen testified,at a public hearing in Boston, that they favored the use of stray animals for medical research. (Under the present system, all stray or unwanted animals are destroyed at the dog pounds.

Bishop F.C.Lawrence of the Protestant Episcopal Church voiced himself: 'the attempt to relieve human pain and to prolong human life is supported by every religious principle'. He continued: 'it may well save suffering and preserve the lives of countless human beings,even our own relatives and friends'.

Rabbi Z.K.Nelson, president of the Rabbinical Ass'n. of Greater Boston,said: 'according to the teaching of Judaism, research using animals is both permissible and desirable'.

Msgr.A.A.Dalton, director of hospitals of Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, said:'Today no Catholic theologian is on the side of those who would deny the availability to research physicians of stray, unwanted and unclaimed animals'.....he added that any Catholic theologian,who dared to hold the views of the anti-vivisection societies and others,'would be liable to condemnation as a heretic'.

Man. What a change. I'd rather be a heretic, than a 'cut-up' any old day.

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Kansas Crusade for Christ - Kansas Christians are uniting in the first Statewide effort in the entire Nation to win new members. In recognition that such Church attendance and united worship of God strengthens the moral and spiritual foundations of the State and Nation, Governor George Docking has proclaimed the months of March and April as Church Attendance months.

Over half of all Kansans have no religious affiliation. Plans have also been initiated, whereby the laymen of all churches may cooperate in this great Crusade.

- All such efforts carry great import if truly conducted on an unselfish and truly Christian approach. Every State in the Union should follow this example rendered by Kansas. ED.

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CHURCH HOMES FOR AGED MAY RECEIVE STATE AID IN COLORADO. If a bill introduced by Rep.R.Allen of Denver receives approval of the State Legislature, a State Building Authority would be established with power to issue revenue bonds for construction of small homes for aged.

Purpose of the bill is to get federal insurance and raise money thru the State Authority for these homes to be built right in the communities where elderly people now reside. Churches and other sponsoring agencies would initiate the plans and manage the projects, which would have to be self-liquidating.

Similar bills were passed by the Colorado House in 1953 and 1955, but died in the Senate.The party control of the Senate this year has changed from Republican to Democratic.

IN THE COURTS

17% of JUVENILES FROM CHURCHES. The Elkhart, Indiana, Juvenile Court, Judge Frank J. Treckelo revealed, had 126 juvenile cases during 1956. Of the 126, 21 youngsters were shown to have had 100% attendance records at church and Sunday School.

The jurist, who also presides over Superior Court, found that 30 youngsters showed no attendance at religious functions, while the remaining 75 had spotty attendance records. 26 boys and 3 girls received court sentences. Of the 21, who had perfect attendance at religious services, four were found to have committed offenses while going to or from services. One of the four is now in reform school.

The court records show only 35% of the juveniles came from so-called 'broken homes'.

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BOOK OF PROVERBS BEARS TESTIMONY FOR TEACHER ON TRIAL. A City Court Judge, John P.Griffith, of Mount Vernon,N.Y., quoted from the Book of Proverbs, in upholding a teacher's right to strike an unruly boy, who refused to obey rules of classroom discipline.

The Judge ruled that the penal code of the State of N.Y., which declares that it is not unlawful to use force 'when committed by a parent...or teacher in the exercise of lawful authority..and the force of violence used is reasonable or moderate in degree', permitted the punishment 'and that the Bible sanctions the same'. He acquitted Paul Baldini, music teacher at Columbus School, of charges of assaulting his 12-year old pupil, Albert Ebert.

The Judge further held that a teacher 'must be supreme in his classroom, like any other person in authority'.

The quotations from Proverbs were Chap.23:13,14; Chap. 22:15; Chap. 29:15. Quoting herewith the first reference: 'Withhold not correction from the child, for though thou beat him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod and shalt deliver his soul from the netherworld'.

What is good for me must also be good for my master

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RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCE IS NO BAR TO ADOPTION OF CHILDREN. The Illinois Supreme Court reversed lower court decisions, which had denied a Protestant couple their petition to adopt twin girls baptized as Roman Catholics.

The lower court had originally declared that,whenever possible, custody of children thru adoption should be given to foster parents of the same religious belief as the child. The 2nd District Appellate Court had upheld this ruling.

The Supreme Court declared that the law is concerned, not with religious differences, but rather with the 'child's best interests'. The ruling continued: '...identity of religion between child and adoptive parents is a significant and desirable, but not an exclusive, factor to be considered by the court'.

● Amen; and again - Amen. ED.

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JACOBITE GROUP IN INDIA CONTINUE COURT FIGHT TO CONTROL PROPERTY. Leaders of an independent Orthodox Syrian Church of Malabar, under Catholicos Moran Mar Baselius, is appealing to the Supreme Court of India against a decision rendered by the Kerala High Court, which decided in favor of the Malankara Jacobite Syrian Church, which is under Mar Ephraim, Patriarch of Antioch in Syria. Last December, the Kerala High Court handed down the decision, upholding the rights of the group loyal to the Patriarch. However, the independent group feel that the Jacobite Church of India should be free from all foreign authority

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and should become a national church.

- The issue has been in dispute for some 20 years preceding the Court Trial. Similar manifestations of this basic desire for Nationalism is evident in practically all of the Orthodox Churches thruout the world; and has been the cause of much disturbance and malcontent for the last 1500 years. - ED.

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CHURCH MAJORITY FILES NEW APPEAL TO WIN PROPERTY FROM MINORITY. The North Rocky Mount(N.C.) congregation has filed a new appeal with the North Carolina State Supreme Court in an attempt to win back the Church property awarded to a minority faction.

In December, 1954, the Supreme Court upheld an earlier Superior Court decision, which gave the property to a minority of the congregation that had remained loyal to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions, in the congregational dispute. The Superior Court had held that the minority group was the 'true congregation' and therefore entitled to the possession of the property.

The original trial had been instigated by the Rev. Samuel H.W.Johnston, former pastor of the church, on behalf of the majority group which desired to withdraw from the State and Southern Conventions. The apparent reason for the desire to instigate the withdrawal was that these bodies were following 'modernism'.

Some Baptist leaders in North Carolina and thruout the South have attacked the Supreme Court ruling on the ground that it threatens the autonomy of local Baptist churches everywhere.

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COURT AWARDS CHURCH PROPERTY TO 'LOYALIST' MINORITY. Judge D.A.Blankenship of the District Court in Dallas, Texas, ruled that the 'loyalist' minority had remained true to the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.(Southern) and were entitled to the use of the property. The property in question is the Northridge Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

The 'majority rebels', so-called to illustrate the trend which they had endeavored to take by withdrawing from the Local Presbytery of the Southern jurisdiction. The vote at the time had been 159-83.

Apparently the original troubles started over a summary dismissal of the former pastor, Dr. John Knox Bowling, in March of 1956. Other affidavits indicate that some of the inter-congregational difficulty dated back to a 1954 dispute over financial management of the church, involving the authority of its elders and its session(ruling body of the congregation).

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DISPUTING FACTIONS OF CONGREGATION TO SHARE CHURCH. Pending a final Court ruling, two disputing groups of members at Lowry Avenue Baptist Church in Minneapolis,Minn. have agreed to share the use of the church property. Members desiring to retain Rev.Eugene W.Anderson, pastor since 1935, will meet Sunday morning and Thursday night for services.

Those opposed to Rev.Anderson will meet Sunday and Wednesday nights for services. The pastor for the rival group, Rev.Lyle Ekleberry, said he had not been appointed pastor and no call had been issued for a new pastor.

Apparently, three prior attempts had been made to remove Rev.Anderson: - in 1938, 1942 and again in 1945; according to an affidavit signed by Florabelle Runyon.

Mr. Anderson had brought the suit against Mr. Ekleberry, asking that he be restrained from 'interfering with worship at the church'.

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CHARITABLE GROUPS NOT IMMUNE FROM LEGAL LIABILITY. The Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled that eleemosynary and charitable institutions are not immune to liability for legal torts. Originally, a suit for damages had been brought against Roman Catholic Archbishop Floersh of Louisville and associated homes for the aged run by Sisters of that Church organization. The Circuit Court Judge Raymond F.Bossmeyer had ruled the case was dismissed, due to the fact that the defendants were immune to liability because of their religious and charitable status.

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On appeal, the Supreme Court ordered a trial to be held; and that a citizen had the right to 'recover compensation for injury suffered thru tortious acts of another' and that the 'plea of immunity is not available'. It added that it was neither 'moral nor just that a stranger to a charity, who has been injured, as is alleged....should bear all the burden and the wrong-doer be entirely relieved'.

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AMERICAN INDIAN CHURCH ASKS COURT 'OK' FOR USE OF PEYOTE. Federal Judge James A. Walsh, in Prescott,Ariz., has taken under advisement a suit filed by the Native American Church,Inc. to countermand a court order banning the use of peyote - a cactus bud drink - for their sacramental use.

The Church, which comprises thousands of Indians, contends that peyote is harmless and not habit-forming, and that the ban violates the constitutional right of religious freedom. The use of the drink had been prohibited by the Navajo Tribal Council on the basis that it is a harmful, intoxicating drug capable of inciting the Indians to acts of violence.

In Helena, Montana, meanwhile, the president of the same general church of Native American Indians, petitioned the Montana Senate Committee on Indian Affairs not to 'deprive Indian citizens of their form of Christianity - the sacramental use of peyote in their religious services'.

Said Frank Takes Gun, Crow Indian, 'For this Church, it is the only significant means the Indians have developed for their organized transition from Indian to White culture'. (Peyote was outlawed by the Montana legislature in 1923 on the grounds it was a habit-forming narcotic)

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

Foreign

ANTS INSPIRE BEGGARS. The 'Times' of India relates that beggars at a Hindu temple at Shrirampur, near Bombay, noticed the offerings of sugar left by the devout disappeared with great rapidity. They watched for the thief, but all they could observe was a line of ants bearing it away, grain by grain. Below the earth of the anthill, an accumulation of several pounds of sugar was found. Impressed by the fashion of the ants' labor, the beggars abandoned their 'monk-like' calling and enrolled for jobs on a near-by construction project.

- Service and Work are virtues attendant on all religions. Monasticism discovered that centuries ago; and as a result it led to the break-down of the gigantic monastic system of the Middle Ages. Hiding from the world and from reality produces little virtue. ED.

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NEW JERUSALEM PATRIARCH ELECTED. The Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church unanimously elected Archbishop Benediktos Papadopulos as Patriarch of Jerusalem. He succeeds the late Patriarch Timotheos(Themelis), who died in Feb. 1956, after having headed the Patriarchate for some 20 years.

The new Patriarch was born in Brusa, Asia Minor, in 1892. He was ordained in 1920. Sixty-two years of age, he studied law, economics and political science at Athens University.

Nearly two weeks were spent in the electing of the new Patriarch. The election had been postponed a number of times, because of the rift between the Jerusalem Orthodox hierarchy, predominantly Greek, and the lower clergy, largely Arab. The latter had asked that the post go to a local man, either Arab or Greek.

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LUTHERAN PASTOR BOOSTS CHURCH ATTENDANCE WITH MOVIES FOR SERMONS. Dispensing with his customary weekday evening sermons, the Rev. Martin Jeorgensen of St. Paul's Church in Copenhagen, Denmark, is now showing religious films.

Mr. Jeorgensen said he found congregations disappointingly small, until he sought permission from Bishop Hans Fuglsang-Damgaard, Primate of the State Church, to allow him to try out the innovation. 'Now attendance is rapidly increasing', said Mr. Jeorgensen.

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BRITISH CLERGYMEN EXTREMELY POOR. A survey, conducted by Rev. Nathaniel Micklem - former principal of Mansfield College,Oxford - revealed that many clergymen cannot even buy new clothes for their familes or provide them with proper food. His investigations embraced ministers of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches,as well as those of the Church of England.

Approximately half of all Anglican clergy receive less than $1820 a year, from which they must pay all personal expenses for themselves and families, and also pay their own bus and car-fare for visiting parishioners, plus all telephone expenses.

- How many American clergy would be willing to live on $35 a week today? ED.

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SPIRITUALISM RAMPANT IN ARGENTINA. According to 'El Pueblo', Roman Catholic newspaper in Buenos Aires, the growing spread of spiritualism in Argentina represents a 'threat to the mental health' of the people.

El Pueblo declared that spiritualism had made 'alarming' progress during Peron's regime. 'Spiritualists are now taking advantage of the freedom enjoyed under the present government

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to multiply their cult centers, step up press publications and become so active that, in the interests of mental health, it is urgently necessary to halt them'. The paper further recalled that during the Peron era, the Health Ministry established a special bureau to examine candidates for the job of spiritualistic medium. It said the Ministry took this step after it had begun to realize 'the danger of an unbalanced mind resulting from contact with mediums in seances'.

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GREEK FAITH HEALER ATTRACTS WIDE-INTEREST. Thousands of people have been besieging the home of Mrs. Alexandra Magoula on Marminga Street, Athens. They have been attracted there by her alleged success in healing sick people, sometimes after doctors had pronounced their cases hopeless. Some of the asserted cures involve a woman epileptic, an insane girl and a man suffering from leucocythemia.

So many people have jammed the streets outside her home, that police had to ask her to stop appearing outside to bless the sick and suffering. The woman agreed, announcing that 'in the future, I will pray in solitude for those suffering'.

Mrs. Magoula, who is a Greek Orthodox, says she cures only thru prayer and employs no medicine of any sort. Her usual food consists of a few boiled greens, a small piece of bread, and water. She accepts no offering, even the smallest, from anyone.

'I draw strength from God and from His Holy Communion, of which I have been partaking every morning for the last 14 years'; She told reporters.

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MOSCOW PATRIARCHATE PUBLISHES NEW CHURCH CALENDAR. The Moscow Radio announced the publication of a new Russian Orthodox Church calendar by the Patriarchate. It said that the new calendar contains a list of the more important ecclesiastical anniversaries, names of Church dignitaries and numerous photographs of ancient churches, monasteries and icons.

Moscow Radio also reported that work had begun on the restoration of the murals in the famed church of St. Basil in Moscow's Red Square. The church dates back to the 17th century.

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DR. E. STANLEY JONES ARRIVES IN TOKYO ON PREACHING MISSION. The world-famous, veteran American evangelist will spend three months in Japan. Besides preaching he will conduct a series of Ashrams, i.e.- special retreats for study-meditation and prayer. 'We can't go any further unless we go deeper', the 73-year old missionary said. 'The Ashram strengthens faith, deepens understanding and inspires service'.

While this is Dr. Jones' fifth post-war visit to Japan, this visit is a feature of a program in preparation for celebrations in 1959 marking the 100th anniversary of the first Protestant missionary effort in Japan. The program will be sponsored by the National Christian Council, with the United Lutheran, Evangelical Lutheran, Episcopal and Baptist Churches in Japan in cooperation.

Dr. Jones predicted two things of import for the world at large:

1. Japan, as a member of the U.N., will be a powerful factor and 'force for peace'.
2. If Japan accepts Christianity, all of East Asia will become Christian.

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RUTHENIAN ARCHBISHOP OF WINNIPEG ENTHRONED. Archbishop Maxime Hermaniuk was solemnly enthroned as head of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, new ecclesiastical province in Canada for Ruthenian Catholics of the Byzantine Rite. (The new province was created by the Pope last November - see AREO, December '56).

The enthronement took place in the Cathedral of S.S. Vladimir and Olga, with Archbishop Giovanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, officiating and preaching. The new Archbishop Hermaniuk was born in Poland in 1911, and was ordained in 1938. He became Apostolic Exarch last year at the death of Archbishop Ladyka.

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EASTERN ORTHODOX AND PROTESTANTS HOLD BASKET SUPPER. With Greek Orthodox Mayor of San Francisco, Calif., the Honorable George Christopher presenting a citation to the sponsoring body, the San Francisco Council of Churches, the huge 'basket supper' was scored as a huge success. Over 3,000 clergy and congregation membership from some 120 different churches and 24 different denominations, heard an address by Dr. D.Elton Trueblood, Quaker author and professor of philosophy at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. The program was completed with singing by the entire throng.

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HINDU, BUDDHIST AND ISLAMIC FAITHS READYING FOR MISSIONARY EFFORTS. According to Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions, these three great eastern faiths are gazing upon the the United States as a primary target for missionary and evangelistic work. He stated, in an address before the Quadrennial Methodist District Superintendents Conference in Chicago, that these three faiths are now experiencing a dynamic revival, after centuries of dormancy.

'Asia is determined to win not only political but also religious initiative away from the West', Dr. Smith said. 'In every country today, people are caught in cyclonic uncertainties and are seeking religious rootage. Spiritual vacuums are found in every city, every countryside. Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam, faiths long considered dying, are seeking to fill these empty hearts. Nationalistic passions fan into flames ancient religious loyalties'. The Methodist official pointed out that in the past 50 years, Islam has grown from 175 to 300 million followers and that Buddhism has again become missionary. He added: 'Even Hinduism is moving outside its national lines with missions in Africa, Europe and America'.

● With intolerance rife in S.Africa and in parts of America and these United States, these Faiths would find ready hearts to receive their teachings. Where Christianity, as Western Man knows it, fails - another must take its place. ED.

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CHURCH TAKES OVER BANK. In former times, it was usual for a bank to take over a Church, but not so with Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Boston, Mass. The National Shawmut Bank of Boston was squeezed out as the church bought up land around it until even the bank building itself was bought right out from under the feet of the bankers. The church plans to raze the structure and have the area landscaped to conform with the rest of the church property.

The bank, of course, moved to another location.

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BOGUS PASTOR JAILED - A RECORD OF 26 CONVICTIONS. The Christian Church of Elmdale, Kansas received quite a shock when it was revealed that their pastor of nine months standing had been jailed for performing a marriage illegally. According to newspaper reports, The FBI revealed he had a record of 26 previous felony convictions.

Calvin Laskey, 43, who had been using the name of Dean Barton, admitted he was not a minister and pleaded guilty to the illegal marriage charge. He was sentenced to six months. Sheriff F.Towle said he had become suspicious of the man after he claimed he had lost his government discharge papers and stated he could not get new ones. Apparently, according to the Sheriff, Laskey had been giving talks before various organizations about the time he had spent in a Korean prison camp; he had also collected money for Korean relief.

● Apparently, churches are a 'God-send' to convicts, criminals, 'con' men - several cases similar to this have been in the public eye for the last few years. ED.

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KRESGE FOUNDATION GIVES $1,500,000 TOWARDS METHODIST SEMINARY. The new 350 student Wesley Theological Seminary received quite a boost towards completion of the preliminary plans for ground-breaking in April, with the announced gift. However, the gift is contingent upon a like sum being raised by the Church itself.

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The Seminary will be built on a nine-acre plot at American University(Methodist) in Washington D.C. Bishop Oxnam stated this would 'assure the building of the first theological seminary in the nation's capital under the auspices of a Protestant Church.' Of contemporary architecture, the seminary's principal buildings will comprise an administration building, a classroom building, two dormitories, a library and a chapel. An 85 foot-high campanile of marble in the form of a cross will mark the center of the quadrangle.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH FUND PAYS DIVIDEND OF 46.2¢ DURING 1956. The Common Investing Fund of the United Lutheran Church in America, Inc. has realized a total of $311,738 net profit since its original stock issue on Jan.1, 1954. Stock, at that time was issued at $10 a share; today, the net asset value per share is $12.67.

In conformity with the policy of the fund, all of the net investment income is distributed to the shareholders in the form of dividends. The 334,422 shares in the fund are held by the United Lutheran Church in America, its boards, agencies, auxiliaries and synods, affiliated institutions and congregations.

● Truly a sound financial milestone in good Church Management and Investment Financing. ED.

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR MUSEUM PLANNED FOR VALLEY FORGE. Washington Memorial Chapel, founded by the late Rev.Dr. W.H.Burk, at a cost of $500,000, raised thru nationwide public subscription in 1915, is to eventually have a $1,000,000 Revolutionary War Museum constructed in connection with it.

Plans were announced by the Episcopal rector, Dr. John R.Hart. He stated the sum will be raised by various patriotic and historical societies and other interested organizations and individuals. The first such memorial gift for this purpose will be presented by the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America.

The chapel is Episcopal, but has non-sectarian services each Sunday afternoon. Other services are conducted by groups making pilgrimages to the Revolutionary War shrine. Adjoining the chapel is a 112-foot, $750,000 Memorial Carillon, representing gifts from all 48 states and the U.S. territories. It was completed three years ago, along with a 'Porch of the Allies'.

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WASHINGTON D.C. CHURCHES FEATURED IN U.S.-RUSSO MAGAZINE. A four-page feature article, illustrated with pictures, on churches of Washington D.C., appeared in the February issue of 'America Illustrated'. This magazine is in Russian, and is published by the U.S. Information Agency for distribution in the Soviet Union.

Besides photos and stories on Epiphany Roman Catholic Church, it features similar emphasis on St. John's Episcopal Church; the Friends Meeting House; Washington Mosque(Moslem); the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church; the Syrian Orthodox Church; Adas Israel Synagogue;the Christ Lutheran Church; and the Church of the Pilgrims(Presbyterian).

The article tells Russian readers that Washington 'is a city of imposing buildings and certain to be counted among its most impressive architectural sights are the city's churches of which there are more than 400'. This is the third article dealing with religion in America, that the magazine has carried in its four months of publication. The first three issues placed on sale in Moscow and other cities in the Soviet Union were completely sold out in a printing of some 50,000 copies of each issue. Under a reciprocal agreement, the Russian Embassy is permitted to distribute a similar magazine in the U.S.

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MORAVIAN CHURCH IN U.S. TO MARK 500th ANNIVERSARY ON MARCH 3rd. Special services in nine key centers in the U.S. will mark the start of the 500th anniversary celebration of the Moravian Church. Bethlehem, Penna. will be one of the pivotal points in the celebration, as the Church is strong in that area. (Moravian Church originated in Bohemia in Mar.1457)

Moravian College, in Bethlehem-Penna., will be the site of the opening of the quincentennial year. Of special interest is the fact that the Worldwide General Synod of the Moravian Church will convene here for the first time in history, on American soil, for its traditional meeting. The Synod will meet from Aug. 13 thru Sept. 10th, 1957.

ST. DEMETRIUS UKRIANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1956. The twelve months of 1956 of this Orthodox Church indicates what can be done by all Orthodox parished thruout the country. Located in Carteret, N.J., Father John Hundiak pastor, the Church has also constructed a Community Center, which has an existing mortgage at present of some $93,000.

During 1956, the church membership of about 425 adults contributed an average of about .80¢ per Sunday thru various types of offerings. In addition, another average $1.25 per week came into the treasury thru social affairs. Building Fund pledges accounted for an additional average weekly, per adult, receipt of 35¢. An aggregate total, per week, per adult, comes to about $2.40; a grand total of church income of $54,897.33 in actual count.

Expenses reveal= Salaries,etc. of $6,934.60; Mtge.payments of $8,876.40; Community Center construction and expenses of $25,109.09; Church supplies of $1,497.81; Diocesan Fund - $611.25; Church,rectory,center & pavilion maintenance and repair of $8,752.18. A grand total of all expense of $55,587.09.

● Turning back to 1955, it is interesting to note that an adult weekly average of $3.40 led all national churches in the U.S.; the church in question was the Wesleyan Methodist.ED

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RELIGIOUS REVIVAL BOOM IS 'SPIRITUAL ASPIRIN'. According to Rev. John E.Burkhart a great deal of the current religion boom is just so much 'spiritual aspirin'.

Speaking before the University of Southern California student body at a chapel service, the clergyman said: 'It doesn't cost much, doesn't do much, won't hurt much and isn't worth much'.

● Well. That's one way to look at it. ED.

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PRESBYTERIAN CLERGYMAN BEMOANS GROWTH OF LITURGICAL WORSHIP. Dr.M. Barth, associate professor of New Testament at the University of Chicago's Federated Theological Faculty, in an address delivered at the 26th annual Ministers' Week of Chicago Theological Seminary(Congregational), said he was alarmed at the 'increasing emphasis' churches are placing on sacraments, liturgy and 'high church' forms of worship.

Dr. Barth, son of famed Swiss theologian Dr.Karl Barth, also criticized American churches that practice infant baptism. He said he preferred the baptism of adults as 'an antidote against superstitional ideas'.

● Since the professor teaches New Testament, he is undoubtedly aware that S.James the Apostle compiled what is known as the first Liturgy of the Church. If this is true, and tradition holds it is, true Apostolic Worship must be governed by Liturgy and Sacramental Worship. Of the some billion Christians in the world, over two-thirds practice some kind of so-called 'high church' worship. - - - as for infant baptism, he is merely reiterating a debate that has been going on for nearly 1900 years. Liturgical Worship, Sacraments,etc. must work hand-in-hand with ethical living, as well as what he calls rendering 'Christian testimony'. ED.

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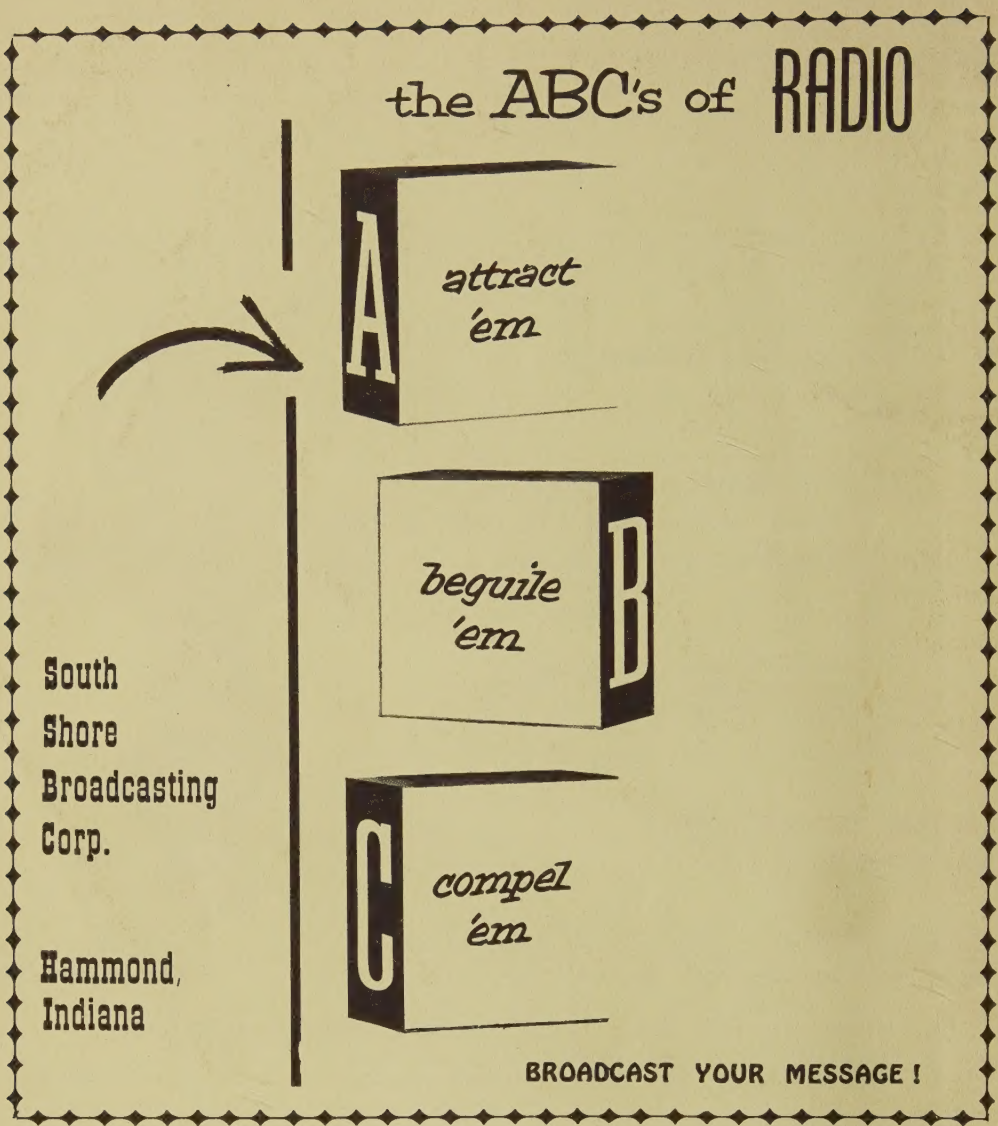

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